

# PRICING AND REGISTRATION

*This is an all day workshop that we will bring to a location of your choice. The day will be split into two sessions, the morning session for attendees will be a short session on 'The Framework for Understanding Poverty-Ruby Payne' with consultant Arlene Holderness. Meanwhile, community members set to fill roles during the simulation will learn how the simulation will work and how to best work their roles. The host site will need approximately 30 community members to fill the roles of local business persons, landlords, employers, bankers, etc.*

*. Member districts pay only \$650 and Non-Member districts pay \$1200 + expenses. To schedule a simulation, please contact Belinda Miller at (800) 728-1022 for details and information.*

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# OPEN YOUR HEART

*Could you survive a month in poverty?*

32.9 million Americans, 11.7 of who are children under the age of 18, live in poverty every day. Many more have incomes above the poverty line, but their incomes are still low enough to qualify for programs like Food Stamps and Medicaid. The recent economic downturn has seen unemployment rates rise and the use of emergency food pantries increase.

It is difficult for those of us who have enough to truly understand the situations that families living in poverty experience every day—the decisions they have to make, and the fears and frustrations they feel. We invite you to walk a mile in their shoes by participating in the Community Action Poverty Simulation.

The CAPS (Community Action Simulation) provides participants with the opportunity to assume the role of a low-income family member living on a limited budget. The experience is divided into four 15-minute sessions, each of which represents one week in which you must provide for your family and maintain your home. As one participant commented, *"This simulation dramatically demonstrates how much time and energy many families have to give just to survive from day to day."* It quickly dispels the myth *"that people would do fine if they would only go out and get a job!"*



The Poverty Simulation is a profoundly moving experience. It moves people to think about the harsh realities of poverty and to discuss how communities can address the problem.



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